Manurial value of paddy husk.

* 198 *Q.*—Sri P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any research has been made into the manurial value of paddy husk and groundnut shell, both raw and burnt ;

(*b*) if so, for what crops will they be useful as manure ; and

(*c*) if no research has been done, whether the Government propose to have any research work done?

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Manurial trials conducted by the Agricultural Department with groundnut husk and analyses of both raw and burnt groundnut shell as well as paddy husk have proved that they are not useful as manure as their manurial value is negligible. A report[a] submitted from the Director of Agriculture in the matter is placed on the table of the House."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.

II.—GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION OF SERVICE ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member Mr. Abdul Latif Farookhi Sahib has asked for a half-hour debate on the subject of Question No. 187, namely, recognition of Service Associations. Can it be taken up at the end of the day? "

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am afraid, Sir, a debate on this question is very untimely to say the least when the Government and the Associations are in the middle of a fight and the Associations are negotiating for withdrawing the strike. I do not know whether it is to the advantage of the services themselves that this matter should be debated in the House. I am afraid, Sir, I have to oppose it."

* ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB Bahadur :—" I feel, Sir, that this discussion instead of marring the chances of a compromise between the Government and the services will certainly enhance the chances of compromise. That is my feeling. It is entirely in your hands Mr. President, because under Rule 14, the discretion is vested in you. I submit it is better we have a discussion."

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I leave it entirely to you, Sir, because it is a matter where we are in the midst of negotiations and it is a question whether it is worthwhile having a discussion in this House. It will complicate matters and perhaps postpone the decision further. It will not serve the purpose for which it is meant."

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Sir, it is a matter entirely in your discretion, but I should like to point out that what ought to determine the exercise of your discretion is the matter of public interest. Generally half-hour debates are allowed if answers

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to questions are not satisfactory. Considering as the Hon. the Leader of the House has said that the matter is in a very delicate stage any discussion on it might spoil any arrangements that might be come to. I plead with you, Sir, and respectfully submit to you that it would not be in the public interest to have such a debate."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I quite agree with the Government. My own feeling is that this is so important a matter that we ought not to jeopardise any chance of settlement between the Government and the Association. If matters come to such a pass that the distinction and the differences are clear-cut that there is no chance of any compromise or any settlement, then of course it will be open to hon. Members to take up the matter and take any attitude they like. But at this stage I feel that all the members must help both sides to come together. I therefore think it is not advisable to have a half-hour debate on this question."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* THE STRIKE OF NON-GAZETTED OFFICERS.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the same hon. Member. The motion reads :

'*I beg to move that the business of the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the strike of the Non-Gazetted officers of this Province.*'

Under rule 37 (iv) of the rules, the motion must not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration or with reference to which a notice of motion has been previously given. I find in the agenda paper there is a resolution in the name of Sri Suryanarayana Rao recommending to the Government the appointment of a Committee on the lines of the Central Pay Commission for going into the various grievances of the Non-Gazetted Officers. In fact what I could gather from the discussions going on is that the demand of the President of the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association is also for a committee of this sort. That resolution is now before the House and it will shortly come up for discussion in the course of the day. Therefore I do not think it is necessary to admit this adjournment motion."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I make one statement? My adjournment motion is with reference to the strike . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" My ruling has been given. The strike is only one of the incidents of the demand. They demanded certain things and because the Government were not willing to give the allowances they wanted, they have struck. When the resolution is before the House the hon. Member can refer to anything he likes and bring in the strike also in his remarks."